

City of Bayfield Common Council Mtg.

Bayfield City Hall, 125 South First Street, Bayfield, WI 54814 * 715-779-5712

Minutes of Tuesday, November 11, 2014 -- 4 pm

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jon Nelson, Jim Bryan, Sharon Johnson, Tom McMullin and Mayor MacDonald

Others: David Eades, Diane Frizell, Roy Bainbridge, John Fangman, and Bill Peterson

Approve Agenda: Johnson/Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2014: McMullin/Bryan moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014 as presented. Carried.

Being Veteran's Day, the Mayor gave a hearty thank you to all those who have served in our Military.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 City of Bayfield Budget: None.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Resolution #468 a Resolution for Budget Adoption and Tax Levy (2015):** Johnson/Bryan moved to approve Resolution #468 – a Resolution for Budget Adoption and a Tax Levy of \$592,742.20 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson and McMullin – yes.
- 2. Resolution #469 ensuring Payment of Taxes by City Treasurer:** McMullin/Nelson moved to approve Resolution #469 which ensures the payment of the Taxes by the City Treasurer. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, McMullin and Nelson – yes.
- 3. Resolution #470 2015 Wages:** Johnson/McMullin made a motion to approve the 2015 Wage Schedule as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Johnson, McMullin, Bryan and Nelson – yes.
- 4. Health Insurance:** The Council received information pertaining to Group Health Insurance. The recommendation is to move forward with the Medica 1500/3000 Plan and to cover 95% and employee to cover 5%. The recommendation also includes putting balance of budgeted dollars into an account to be used to balance future years group health insurance expenses and to develop a written employee policy governing City Group Health Insurance. McMullin/Nelson moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: McMullin, Nelson, Bryan and Johnson – yes.
- 5. 2014 Apple Festival Breakdown of Costs:** The Council received a copy of the 2014 Apple Festival Expenses. No action required; informational. Chamber Director Eades commented that all went well from his perspective.
- 6. 2014 Room Tax Update:** Good news, the Mayor reported the 3rd quarter was up 6.24%.
- 7. Water Utility Rate Increase Update –** The Council was informed there is a public hearing scheduled for December 3, 2014 at 10 a.m. to discuss the Water Utility Rate Increase request from the Bayfield Water Utility. Bryan made some comments about the rate structure proposed and doesn't support the distribution; rather he would like to see a flat rate increase across the board. He feels this is wrong and questioned is this the policy of the PSC or an analyst? The Mayor shares his concerns and feels this is one more example of how Federal and State government is taking over our local controls.
- 8. Committee Resignations/Appointments:** Fire Department and Scenic Byways
The Council learned Steve Dunn has resigned from the Fire Department after 22 years and the Mayor has appointed Tom Kovachevich as Interim Chief. The Mayor also clarified that he would be the alternate representative to Scenic Byways; David Eades is the main representative.

9. Project Updates:

- 2014 Water/Sewer Main Improvements – Last pay request and change order has been signed & submitted.
- 2015 Water/Sewer Main Improvements – Finalizing the details of the 2015 project. Getting ready to bid in January, 2015.
- Historic Streets Project – The advertisement to bid was posted. Went through with one business day to spare! The City received a confirmation letter from the WI DOT indicating we met our bid deadline.
- Historic Waterfront Trail – The grant application for the second phase was sent last week. Kudos to Don Albrecht for the amount of work he has done.

10. Mayor's Report(s): The Council received a written report dated October 14 to November 11, 2014. He told the Council he's going to Austin, TX next week. The focus of the meeting is to discuss State and Federal government taking over local power. The group sponsoring the event has offered to cover part of the trip.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of October 13, 2014

B.R.B.: Minutes of September 22, 2014

Finance: Minutes of October 13, 2014

Fire Department: Minutes of November 3, 2014

Greater Bayfield WWTP Commission: Minutes of October 30, 2014

Harbor: Minutes of October 13, 2014

Library: Minutes of October 15, 2014

Parks & Recreation: Minutes of October 14, 2014

Planning: Minutes of October 22, 2014

Police Department: October 2014 Report

Tree Board: Minutes of August 25, September 22 and October 27, 2014

Waterfront: Minutes of October 13, 2014

Johnson/McMullin made a motion to place the above minutes on file. Some discussion ensued on Community Policing and recent Fire Department activities. The Mayor specifically thanked the Fire Department for helping him locate a gas leak in his home. The Council was also appreciative on the Police Department's initiatives to do walk-about. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Duke Energy's Shirley Wind Turbine's Declared a "HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD"
- Bayfield Regional Conservancy – Thank you

McMullin/Johnson moved to place the correspondence on file. Carried.

Clerk / Treasurer: Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report(s), Budget(s)

McMullin/Nelson moved to pay the bills as presented and to place the October Treasurer's Report and Budget on file. Bryan commented that we'll be coming into the new year with a healthy balance. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson, and McMullin – yes.

Closed Session:

Johnson/McMullin made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (f) and (g) to discuss a personnel matter and reserves the right to reconvene into open session to continue with any remaining agenda items and/or for purposes of adjournment. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, McMullin and Nelson – yes (4:36 p.m.).

McMullin/Johnson moved to reconvene into open session for purposes of setting the next meeting and adjournment. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Johnson, McMullin, Nelson and Bryan – yes (4:43 p.m.).

Affirm/Set Next meeting(s):

- December 8, 2014 (this meeting has tentatively scheduled but may be canceled).
- January 12, 2015

Adjournment: Bryan/Nelson motioned to adjourn. Carried. (4:44 p.m.)